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KHAYDARKEN COMBINE INCREASES OUTPUT -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 110, 7 Jun 49

The Khaydarken Mining and Metallurgical Combine is successfully meeting its pledge to fulfill its Five-Year Plan for the volume of production by 1 September 1949.

Mining production has increased more than 100 percent since the beginning of the Five-Year Plan, even though there are fewer miners working now than there were then. This is due to the wide introduction of machines, improvement in the organization of production, and the application of strict cost-accounting methods. Mining carts, core-drilling machines, and small scraper loaders have greatly increased productivity in labor-consuming operations.

Metallurgical workers, headed by plant manager Malyshko and technical director Kovalev, have increased the extraction of metal from ore by 8 percent. The metallurgists plan to increase this another 3 percent during 1949. The consumption per unit of finished product of fuel, electric power, and compressed air is 33 to 50 percent less than it was at the beginning of the Five-Year Plan.

Last year, the combine had 8 million rubles of above-plan profits. Turnover of working capital is to be speeded up 25 percent this year in comparison with 1948.

PLAN INCREASED -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 85, 8 May 49

The May 1949 production quota for the Petrovsk-Zabaykal'skiy Metallurgical Plant has been increased 58 percent over the May 1948 production plan. The open-hearth shop has been meeting the May plan successfully, completing 112 percent of the steel-smelting plan during the first 6 days of May.

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